

# **J. M. Prendergast collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Title</b>	J. M. Prendergast collection
<b>Date</b>	1821, 1969
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S1077

### Preferred Citation

J. M. Prendergast collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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Sarah was resident of Hindostan, Indiana, when many of its citizens died of cholera, including her husband John Mellon Prentiss on October 6, 1820. Sarah was the adopted daughter of Mungo Mackay, of Boston, Massachusetts. She married John Prentiss, a prosperous merchant of Boston on September 14, 1813. On September 3, 1814, John Prentiss enlisted to fight in the War of 1812 in Maryland. After the war, the couple moved to Indiana, where they helped settle the new town of Hindostan. Sarah Prentiss died in 1880 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### Sources:

Binney, Charles; *The History and Genealogy of the Prentice, Or Prentiss Family, in New England, Etc.* Boston: The editor, 1883. Accessed July 30, 2015. <https://books.google.com>.

Ancestry.com. "John Prentiss." *War of 1812 Pension Application Files Index, 1812-1815*. Accessed July 30, 2015. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes a copy of a letter from Sarah M. Prentiss of Hindostan, Indiana to a Boston attorney, William D. Sohier, dated February 6, 1821, requesting him to represent her interests in the settlement of an estate, as well a copy of a two-page legal document transferring power of attorney. There is also a short history of Hindostan, Indiana and its devastating cholera epidemic, in addition to items from the Western Electric Company centennial in 1969, which include a history of the organization, a document with a replica Civil War-era stamp, an envelope, and the business card of J. M. Prendergast, senior engineer of Western Electric Co.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from J. M. Prendergast.

### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2015/07/30 by Linda Gellert. EAD finding aid created 2015/07/30 by Linda Gellert. EAD finding aid revised 2016/02/09 by Brittany Kropf.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Western Electric Company.

### Family Name(s)

- Prentiss family

### **Genre(s)**

- Correspondence
- Stamps

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Boston (Mass.)
- Hindostan Falls (Ind.)
- Indianapolis (Ind.)

### **Subject(s)**

- Anniversaries
- Centennial celebrations, etc
- Cholera
- Electric industry
- Envelopes (Stationary)
- Frontier and pioneer life--Indiana
- Legal documents